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ANIMAL ENERGY SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are nearly 1.3 crore Bullock Carts and other animal drawn carriages, providing employment to nearly 3 crore people and saving millions of tonnes of diesel;

(b) if so, the reasons for which the animal energy centre, as proposed in Seventh Plan, is not being implemented; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to improve pay-load and reduce drudgery of animals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (c) Although the Department of Science & Technology has not so far drawn up any programme for harnessing the potential of animal energy for transportation, the suggestion has been taken note of and consultation process initiated with other concerned Ministries/ Departments/ Orgnisations to determine the feasibility of the suggestion.